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SUBJ: TEXTILES: ARTICLE 4 CONSULTATIONS ON WOOL

AND MAN-MADE TEXTILES

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO OUR PROPOSAL FOR CONSULTATIONS ON ROMANIAN WOOL AND MAN-MADE TEXTILE EXPORTS TO U.S. ROMANIANS COUNTER-PROPOSE, HOWEVER, THAT CONSULTATIONS BE HELD IN BUCHAREST AND THAT FOUNDATION BE LAID BY PRIOR USG PROVISION OF DATA DEMONSTRATING INJURY TO U.S. ECONOMY. END SUMMARY.

2. MFT DIRECTOR NICOLAE DUMITRESCU USED OCCASION OF E/C COUNSELOR'S REPRESENTATION ON ANOTHER TOPIC (BUCHAREST 5452) TO INFORM EMBASSY OF GOR RESPONSE TO OUR AUGUST AIDE-MEMOIRE ON ROMANIAN WOOL AND MAN-MADE TEXTILE EXPORTS. EXCUSING DELAY IN RESPONSE ON GROUNDS THAT MFT ONLY RECENTLY RECEIVED TEXT OF AIDE-MEMOIRE (EMBASSY HAD FURNISHED DUPLICATE COPY OVER THREE WEEKS AGO WHICH WAS EVIDENTLY LOST), DUMITRESCU SAID ROMANIA WAS, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO ACCED TO USG REQUEST. SINCE, HOWEVER, WE ARE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEMANDEUR, ROMANIA ASKED THAT CONSULTATIONS BE HELD

IN BUCHAREST. FROM ROMANIAN STANDPOINT CONVENIENT
TIMING FOR CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE DURING NOVEMBER
U.S.-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION MEETING, WHEN
WORKING GROUP COULD BE ESTABLISHED TO EXAMINE
SITUATION AND REPORT FINDINGS TO FULL COMMISSION.

3. TO ENSURE MEANINGFUL DISCUSSION DUMITRESCU
REQUESTS THAT USG PROVIDE DATA WELL PRIOR TO
CONSULTATIONS ON LEVEL OF ROMANIAN EXPORTS BY
INDIVIDUAL CATEGORIES AND INJURY CAUSED TO U.S.
TEXTILE INDUSTRY BY THOSE EXPORTS. HE EXPRESSED
CONFIDENCE THAT IN SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 3 AND ANNEX 1
OF BILATERAL TRADE AGREEMENT BOTH SIDES WOULD CONCLUDE
THAT MODEST LEVEL OF ROMANIAN WOOL AND MAN-MADE
TEXTILE EXPORTS TO U.S. DID NOT RPT NOT POSE RISK
OF MARKET DISRUPTION.

4. IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION E/C COUNSELOR ASKED
ABOUT PROGRESS OF ROMANIAN DISCUSSIONS WITH EC ON
TEXTILE AGREEMENT. DUMITRESCU INDICATED THAT NO
AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED BUT THAT PROGRESS HAD
BEEN ACHIEVED. CERTAIN UNSPECIFIED FEATURES OF EC
OFFER WERE, HE CLAIMED, MORE LIBERAL THAN U.S.
PROVISIONS. BASIC DIVERGENCE STILL EXISTED ON
QUANTITATIVE LEVELS, BUT, IN SWIPE AT U.S.-ROMANIAN
BILATERAL, DUMITRESCU REMARKED THAT 10 PERCENT
INCREASE IN ROMANIAN EXPORTS TO EC WOULD YIELD
GREATER BENEFIT THAN LARGER PERCENTAGE INCREASE
IN QUOTAS WE ACCORDED.

5. WE UNDERSTAND ROMANIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON
HAS MADE OR, AT ANY RATE, BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE
PARALLEL REPRESENTATION TO DEPARTMENT.

6. COMMENT: FROM EARLIER CONVERSATION WITH MFT
DESK OFFICER FOR U.S. (ACHIM) WE HAVE IMPRESSION THAT
ROMANIANS ARE CONCERNED THAT RESTRICTIONS WILL BE
IMPOSED BEFORE THEY HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO ESTABLISH
VIABLE EXPORT BASE. IF TRUE, THIS WOULD TEND TO
EXPLAIN APPARENT ROMANIAN EFFORT TO PLAY FOR TIME.
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7. IF DEPARTMENT ANTICIPATES THAT CONSULTATION
WILL PRODUCE SERIOUS DISAGREEMENT AND RESULTANT
UNILATERAL ACTION ON OUR PART, WE WOULD HAVE RESERVA-
TIONS ABOUT ROMANIAN-PROPOSED TIMING AND VENUE.
WE THINK IT WOULD BE MOST UNFORTUNATE IF TEXTILE
DISPUTE WERE TO DAMPEN WHAT WE TRUST WILL BE
POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATMOSPHERE OF COMMISSION

MEETING.

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